

House Resolution No. 2796

Whereas, as the 2004-2005 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Lexington R-V School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of Paula Kolster who has devoted many years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Paula Kolster has taught Title I Reading Recovery and Early Literacy for five years at Leslie Bell Elementary School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, prior to assuming her current responsibilities, Paula Kolster served two years as a second grade teacher and twenty-three years as a fourth grade teacher at Leslie Bell Elementary, one year as a middle school teacher at Lexington Middle School, and one year as a fifth and sixth grade teacher at Lexington Catholic School; and

Whereas, named the 2003-2004 Lion's Club Teacher of the Year, Paula Kolster has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of Leslie Bell Elementary School fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of Paula Kolster; and

Whereas, Paula Kolster has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her late husband, Ed Kolster; her children, Philip and his wife, Valerie of Blue Springs, and Erin, Jay, and Alex of Lexington; one grandchild, Hayden; and her parents, Harry and Dena Lindhorst:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the Lexington R-V School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Paula Kolster has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Paula Kolster, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Aull
District No. 26

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2796, adopted May 3, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker